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Subject: FEMA R6 SPOT Report #7 West Fertilizer Plant Explosion
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FEMA REGION 6 SPOT REPORT #7

Updates in RED

SPOT REPORT: Explosion at West Fertilizer Plant (West, Texas)

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE: April 17, 2013 at approximately 19:50 CDT

INCIDENT SUMMARY: An explosion was caused by a fire at the West Fertilizer Plant in West, TX (McLennan County, 19 miles north of Waco- Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/rKk1u>):

- Unconfirmed reports fatalities unconfirmed injuries reported; some people still missing
- The critically injured have been evacuated and non-critical patients are being transported to the Atrium Nursing Home in Bellmead, TX.
- 75-100 homes/businesses destroyed
- Due to health and safety concerns, evacuation of a significant portion of the community was conducted.
- **Oncor Electric was impacted by the explosion and many customers are unable to receive power because damage to Oncor facilities. The utility provider has had staff on-site since last night, and is working closely with local emergency management officials.**
- **The City of West public water system is offline due to damage to water lines around the site of the explosion. Personnel are attempting to isolate the south-side of the system to restore service. A boil-water notice will be issued when service is restored.**
- **Local media has reported that Connally ISD (south of West ISD) is making plans to provide facilities, transportation, nutrition and other necessities for West**

ISD so students can resume classes as soon as possible. Other school districts are combining supplies, furniture, personnel and other needs to West ISD students. Plans are still in progress at this time.

ESF 6 Report:

- Three (3) shelters: One shelter is for staff; the other two (2) are independent shelters:
 - Springs Baptist Camp – Overnight/morning population comprised of staff ONLY (number undetermined at this time)
 - Independent shelters are Abbot ISD and Penelope School (no population).
- The Salvation Army (TSA) has 4 mobile kitchens on scene. HEB will have a kitchen by Thursday afternoon. Most feeding is for first responders
- It has been reported that the State of Texas will be sending a mobile hospital to West and it is anticipated to be operational tomorrow.
- The American Red Cross is working with the Pastoral Alliance to support a memorial service in West tomorrow.

Concerns:

- Potential weather information and on any conditions that could affect operations (i.e. wind shifts).

SIGNIFICANCE OF
EVENT:

High

SOURCE OF
INFORMATION:

FEMA R6 Logistics and Operations, Department of Health and Human Services, FEMA Region 6 JRMPO Rep, State of Texas Operations Center SOC), FEMA R6 National Preparedness Law Enforcement Liaison, FEMA R6 External Affairs

ACTIONS/
FOLLOW UP:

State Actions:

- **State will be requesting an Emergency Declaration later today for Cat B to include DFA and will potentially follow up with a request for IA PDAs once they complete the local disaster assessments.**
- Governor has Proclaimed Mc
- The SOC is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) in support of the Fertilizer Plant Explosion.
- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ is providing air monitoring and technical assistance. A strike team and mobile command post were deployed to the scene.
- **Disaster District (DDC) Waco:** The DDC is fully activated, identifying needed resources and providing coordination of state resources assigned to the DDC. DDC Waco will conduct 24-hour operations through the

- night, and into the next operational period.
- **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):**
The DSHS State Medical Operations Center has been activated. DSHS has deployed a Texas Funeral Director Association (TFDA) Strike Team with two Mortuary Trailers. One portable morgue unit was staged in Waco, and is expected to be deactivated. Two Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) team members and a Rapid Assessment Team (RAT) have also been activated.
- **Civil Air Patrol (CAP):** Aerial photography in support of Search and Rescue.

Federal Actions:

- FEMA Regional Administrator in communication with Chief of Texas Division of Emergency Management
- FEMA Regional Administrator and EPA Regional Administrator are in communication.
- FEMA R6 RRCC has activated to Level 3 (hours of operation 0700 to 1900 CDT); **FEMA R6 MOC will assume situational awareness from 1900 CDT to 0700 tomorrow, Friday 19 April.**
 - Operations, Logistics, Planning, Individual Assistance, External Affairs, American Red Cross in the RRCC until 1900 CDT today.
 - FEMA R6 Recovery has 3 (three) IA PDA teams on standby and are coordinating with SBA
 - **FEMA R6 Recovery has identified PA PDA teams, if requested**
 - **IMAT 2 on stand-by to deploy if requested by the state (returning to Region 6 FEMA Office at approximately 2030 CDT from Arkansas' Vigilant Guard Exercise) (change of +6 hours)**
 - **FEMA R6 External Affairs will be hosting a Congressional Outreach Call tentatively scheduled at 1400 CDT tomorrow to provide a situation update.**
- Distribution Center Ft. Worth current Readiness:
 - Water (liters): 3,124,890
 - Commercial Meals (ea): 659,458
 - Reduced Sodium Meals (ea): 869,224
 - Infant Toddler Kits (ea): 0
 - Hygiene/Comfort Kits (ea): 50,000
 - Cots (ea): 31,836
 - Blankets (ea): 208,492
 - Consumable Medical Supplies (ea): 2
 - Durable Medical Equipment (ea): 4
 - Tarps (20'x25'): 135,080
 - Generators (ea): 101

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